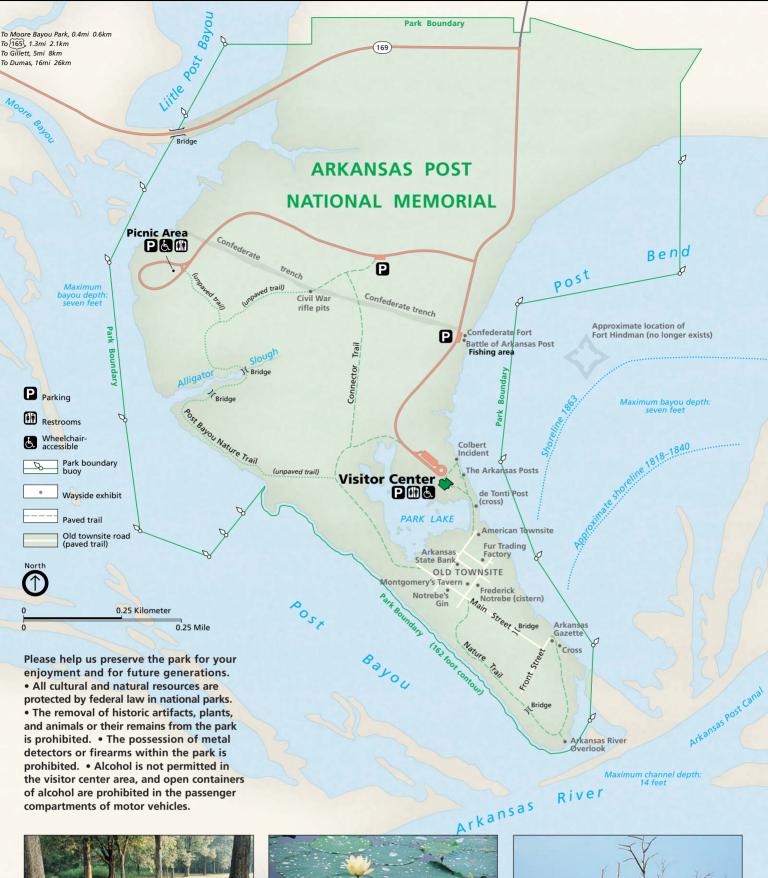
# **Exploring Arkansas Post**





This water cistern was a focus of town life in 19th-century Arkansas Post.



Lotus, also known as yancopin, abound in the surrounding waters.



Post Bayou, part of the wildlife sanctuary, harbors a rich variety of animal and plant species.

# About Your Visit

Arkansas Post became a state park in 1929. In 1960 Congress designated it a national norial. Today th park includes some of the 19th-century town and the approximate site of two of the 18th-century trading and military posts.

### **Getting Here**

The park is on Ark. 169, nine miles south of Gillett via U.S. 165 and about 17 miles northeast of Dumas via U.S. 165.

## Seeing the Park

Start at the visitor center for information, exhibits, a film, and a

bookstore. The visitor center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, uary 1. The grounds are open daily until dark. Exhibits along the trails explain historic areas.

### Accessibility

Walkways, buildings, and most trails are wheelchair-accessible.

### **Water Activities**

Swimming is prohibited due to shallow water and soft lake and river bottoms. Fishing is permitted; a state license is required and regulations

apply. The launching, beaching, or landing of any vessel is prohibited, except in an

### For Your Safety

• Pets must be on a leash or physically restrained at all times.

 Stay on the trails, especially in spring and summer when ticks, chiggers, and poison ivy are abundant.

 Watch for mosquitos and biting flies in spring and summer; use a repellent and wear protective clothing. • Alligators and snakes live here, including three species of poisonous snakes:

water moccasin (cottonmouth), copperhead, and pigmy rattlesnakes. Stay on you put your hands

### Emergencies call 911.

More Information

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### Discovering Nature

Arkansas Post is located the visitor center, datin the Mississippi Delta region of Arkansas. Over the 300 years of the Post's histo area has been greatly changed by natural forces and human intervention. Flooding, erosion, and a natural change in the river's course have altered the site of the old posts and town, as have attempts to improve navigation and control the river with levees, dams, and a canal.

Today the park protects a variety of native plants such as cvpress, pecan, and lotus. An osage orange near 

ing to the fort's historic era, has been awarded Champion largest osage orange in Arkansas. As you explore listen for songbirds. Watch for deer, turkey, alligator, and our resident pair of bald eagles. In the fall and winter you will see flocks of ducks and geese. Enjoy this place of natural beauty.

